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LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLOUD HAD HIS SECOND PAPAL AUDIENCE IN A
LITTLE OVER ONE YEAR ON APRIL 30. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE VATICAN
SOURCE, LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WAS
COVERED BEYOND BRIEF REPETITION BY JALLOUD OF LIBYAN POSITION ON
JERUSALEM AND HOLY PLACES WHICH FOLLOWED CLOSELY WHAT HE HAD TOLD
POPE FEB. 1974 (REFTEL). IN ADDITION TO GAINING ADDITIONAL INTER-
NATIONAL EXPOSURE, JALLOUD'S MAIN PURPOSE SEEMED TO BE TO REQUEST
THE POPE TO SEND 30 NURSING NUNS TO WORK IN LIBYAN HOSPITALS, AS
WELL AS TO TRAIN LIBYAN NURSES. POPE PROMISED JALLOUD TO DO HIS
BEST TO COMPLY, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ADMIT
ALSO SEVERAL PRIESTS TO ATTEND THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THESE NUNS.
JALLOUD DID NOT RAISE WITH VATICAN QUESTION OF MOSQUE TO BE BUILD
IN ROME AS HE HAD BEEN RUMORED HERE.
JALLOUD MADE FLATTERING REFERENCES
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TO POPE AS MORAL AND SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE WORLD, WITHOUT WHOSE

INTERVENTION IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION
TO PROBLEMS OF JERUSALEM, HOLY PLACES AND PALESTINIANS. VOLPE

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